

a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Georgia in 1985. Shortly after receiving his degree, he began his illustrious career with the CIA.

For over three decades, Mr. Stembridge was a well-respected leader at the CIA. He built quite an impressive career, which was amplified in 2005 when he entered into the Senior Intelligence Service. During his tenure in the Senior Intelligence Service, he held several leadership roles including Deputy Director of the Office of Congressional Affairs and completed several overseas tours in areas of conflict. In December 2016, after serving for over 31 years, Mr. Stembridge retired from the CIA.

He currently serves as the Executive Vice President of Intelligence over the National Security Solutions unit of Pacific Architects and Engineers (PAE) and works directly with domestic and foreign government agencies within the intelligence community.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" Mr. Stembridge undoubtedly lives by this philosophy. From his extensive work with the CIA to protect our nation's security to his efforts to provide service to the global community, his work has made a tremendous impact on the lives of many.

J. Warren Stembridge has achieved much success in his life, but none would have been possible without the enduring love and support of his wife, Laurel; and their children, Ben, Julie, and Lindsay.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me, my wife, Vivian, and the more than 730,000 residents of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in extending our sincerest congratulations to Mr. J. Warren Stembridge for receiving the Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal, and thanking him for an outstanding career of public service.

IN RECOGNITION OF MICHAEL GEORGE, AVOCA WEST SIDE SOCIAL CLUB'S "MAN OF THE YEAR"

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael George, who will be receiving the Avoca West Side Social Club's "Man of the Year" Award. He will be honored on March 17, 2018 during the Club's inaugural St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

The son of the late David and Mildred George, Mike was born and raised in Avoca, Pennsylvania. He is a graduating member of Avoca High School Class of 1959. He opened his first car repair business in Avoca on South Main Street in 1961. In 1969, Mike relocated his business to 935 Main Street and expanded his operation to include a gas station. It was the only service station in Avoca Borough for over three decades. Mike remained in business for almost fifty years until he retired. Mike also shared his professional knowledge by serving as an automobile repair instructor to those looking to enter the field.

In addition to operating his business, Mike has been actively involved with local community organizations. He is a founding member of

the Avoca Jolly Boys, a group that sponsors community events like children's basketball leagues and other recreational activities. He is the past president of the Avoca Lions Club and initiated the annual Lions Club Christmas Light Project along Main Street and McAlpine Street in the borough. Mike is also a regular member of the Avoca West Side Club and Rainbow Rod and Gun Club. He currently belongs to Queen of the Apostles Church in Avoca.

Today, Mike resides in Avoca with his wife of fifty-six years, Kay Sroka George. They have been blessed with three children, Janice, Christine, and the late Michael Jr.

It is an honor to recognize Mike as he accepts the Avoca West Side Social Club's "Man of the Year Award." I am grateful for his lifetime of service to people of Avoca. I wish him the best this St. Patrick's Day.

IN RECOGNITION OF SANFORD AND JOAN WEILL ON THE OCCASION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RENAMING OF WEILL CORNELL MEDICAL SCHOOL IN THEIR HONOR

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Sanford and Joan Weill as we mark the 20th anniversary of the renaming of Weill Cornell Medical School in their honor. The Weills are renowned for their extraordinary philanthropic contributions to culture, education and medical research.

Mr. and Ms. Weill are Brooklyn natives who grew up in modest circumstances, and worked hard to make a better life for themselves and their family. Mr. Weill started out as a \$30-a-week runner at Bear Stearns, while Ms. Weill worked as a teacher to help them make ends meet. Wanting more, in 1960, he and his partners founded their own investment firm. The firm was eventually sold to American Express and Mr. Weill became President of American Express. He left American Express and started acquiring financial services companies, until he created the financial giant now known as Citicorp.

Throughout their lives, Mr. and Ms. Weill have been incredibly generous supporters of many of the institutions and organizations that are central to New York. They founded the National Academy Foundation, a foundation that partners with schools in underserved communities to connect them with specialized training programs and internships in finance, STEM, and hospitality & tourism. Inaugurated with one pilot finance academy in the heart of Brooklyn, the foundation has now grown to 675 academies in over 36 states and serves approximately 100,000 children a year.

The Weills have played a key role in our cultural institutions. Mr. Weill served for many years on the board of Carnegie Hall, and helped shepherd it through a major renovation. Thanks to their generosity, one of the three performance halls is named the Joan and Sanford I. Weill Recital Hall. A devotee of modern dance, Ms. Weill served on the board of the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater for 20 years,

14 as Chair. At her retirement celebration, more than \$40 million was raised in her honor, capping off an eminent career and enabling the company to expand its building.

More impressive still is the enormous impact Sanford and Joan Weill have had on medical education. Mr. Weill was a longtime Trustee of Cornell University and became Chairman of their medical school. In 1998, the Weills gave \$100 million to the medical school, prompting the school leaders to rename the institution Weill Cornell Medical College. Since then, the couple has generously given over \$600 million to the school, helping to ensure its legacy as one of the premier medical institutions in the world.

In 2001, I had the pleasure of helping to midwife the creation of a medical school in Qatar. I brought Qatar's interest in having a school that offers an American medical degree to the attention of Mr. Weill and he helped make it happen. Thanks to his vision, Cornell University is the only institution to offer its MD degree outside the country. The Weills also made possible the Weill Bugando University College of Health Sciences in Tanzania. I am proud that Cornell University accepted the challenge of creating an applied sciences school on Roosevelt Island and I was pleased to join the Weills to break ground on Cornell Tech which opened its doors September 12, 2017.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sanford and Joan Weill, the very embodiment of the American dream.

REPACK AIRWAVES YIELDING BETTER ACCESS FOR USERS OF MODERN SERVICES ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 4986, the RAY BAUM'S Act.

This important, bipartisan legislation will reauthorize the Federal Communications Commission for the first time in 28 years and includes reforms that will make the FCC more efficient and transparent.

Today's bill includes provisions based on the Radio Consumer Protection Act, legislation I was proud to introduce with Congressman BILL FLORES of Texas last September, that will reimburse radio broadcasters for costs related to the FCC's spectrum auction.

The creation of the Broadcast Repack Fund and the FM Broadcast Station Relocation Fund in this legislation will help ensure that television and radio broadcasters will not be hit with the full cost of moving or adjusting transmitters and antennas, installation, and other costs that are part of the spectrum repack.

The RAY BAUM'S Act, additionally, will provide \$50 million to help educate consumers about the broadcaster repack and help make sure that the viewing and listening public continues to have access to important local news, weather, and emergency alerts provided by our local broadcasters.

Finally, I was happy to see the inclusion of a provision that will make the FCC's Inspector